



## RE Newsletter Spring 1

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

### *Year 5 - Inspirational People*

***"Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society... It includes love for the poor. Love of neighbour is also an expression of our search for God."*** *Religious Education Curriculum Directory*

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus or their own faith. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others.

#### At home:

You could help your children by

- encouraging them to research some information about inspirational people and saints